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State highway crews remain on snow duty, spot treating roads *Routes wet to partly covered in northeast Kentucky*

FLEMINGSBURG, Ky. – State highway crews in northeast Kentucky remain on snow duty today, Friday, Jan. 13, as frigid temperatures continue to grip the region.

As of 11 a.m., crews report that main routes – Interstate 64, US 23, the AA Highway, US 60, KY 11, US 68, KY 32, KY 67 and others – have been treated and are in “wet pavement” condition throughout Department of Highways District 9 in Bath, Boyd, Carter, Elliott, Fleming, Greenup, Lewis, Mason, Nicholas and Rowan counties. Most secondary routes are also reported as wet pavement. However, in some areas, blowing snow has created partly-covered conditions. Crews will continue to treat or spot treat highways as needed throughout the day.

Statewide, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet highway crews worked through the night to keep roads and bridges passable as the first significant snow storm of the winter moved across the Commonwealth.

You can keep up with the Transportation Cabinet’s snow removal operations using the online Snow & Ice Treatment Map at http://kytcgis.ky.gov/snow_ice/. In northeast Kentucky, you can learn more by following District 9 online at <http://transportation.ky.gov/district-9> or at <http://facebook.com/KYTCDistrict9>. Kentucky travel information is also available by dialing 511 or visiting online at www.511.ky.gov.

Motorists are reminded that road conditions are described as follows:

- **Wet pavement** – Ice could form as temperatures drop.
- **Partly covered** – Markings may be obscured by snow, slush or ice.
- **Mostly covered** by snow, slush or ice.
- **Completely covered** by snow, slush or ice.
- **Impassable** – Conditions unsuitable for all but emergency travel.

In District 9, more than 140 crew members operating 77 snow plows – plus contract

plows and crews – are involved with snow removal operations. And, approximately 24,000 tons of salt are currently stockpiled to battle winter precipitation. During winter storms, crews work 12-hour shifts to keep roadways in the best possible condition.

Motorists are reminded to give a wide berth to plows, salt trucks and other snow-clearing heavy equipment. To be effective in dispersing de-icing material, trucks tend to travel at a slower speed. Also, snow plows may create a snow cloud which can cause a white out or zero visibility condition, so keep a safe distance away from the trucks.

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